

or moderate sized portions, and a large part is forest land, which it would be a public misfortune to have cleared. There may, however, be a comparatively small area of Government land which would seem desirable to intending settlers of the description we are now writing of, but we believe it has never been set forth and described in a way to give the information which a settler needs. We understand that the Government has not yet obtained full and exact account of the land belonging to it. This will be one of the valuable results of the public survey now in progress. It is necessarily a slow proceeding to define all the boundary lines of the Kingdom but there is a continued advance towards it. There is a question of title as to some portions between the Government and certain estates of the chiefs. And we understand that with the comparatively small area owned by the Government, it has not been its policy to put it actively on the market. We have nothing to say against this, except as to such portions as would be suitable for small farms, as to which we suggest that the land sold and productively occupied by a comparatively dense population would be better than the same lying idle and kept in reserve for no definite purpose.

The large estates composing the Crown Lands have been made inalienable by law. We may speak of leases hereafter.

There are also some very nice private land holdings. As to these we can only appeal to the public spirit and a generous policy on the part of the owners. There would be a certain enhancement of value of all land from a settlement of neighborhoods of industrious people. To plantations they would afford a labor supply; they would have produce to sell; they might raise quotas of cane to be ground on shares or purchased outright.

The subject can be treated only by hints and suggestions. We must not overlook, either, some other difficulties besides this scarcity in land. Land for settlement in small pieces, is a good deal limited by the water supply, both for drinking and irrigation. It is further limited by the want of local markets and again by the qualities of soil and climate necessary to produce what goes towards home consumption and saleable produce.

These subjects easily afford matter for more space than we can give them at present.

BY AUTHORITY.



Mr. W. F. Moesman has been appointed Collector of Customs for the Collection District of Waialua, and Port of Kahului, Maui, vice Mr. Geo. E. Boardman, resigned.

W. F. ALLEN,
Collector-General of Customs.

Approved:
J. M. KAPENA,
H. M. Minister of Finance.
Collector-General's Office, Honolulu, April 1, 1884.
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THIS MAY CERTIFY that at an election by ballot, held on Monday, the 31st of March last, Rev. F. Clement was elected Third Member of the Local School Board of the District of Honolulu, Island of Oahu, for the ensuing year.

W. JAS. SMITH,
School Agent of Honolulu.
Department of Education, April 4, 1884. ap5-27v

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THE CHINESE INVASION.

It is easier to support our principles by argument than to apply them experimentally with success. The argument is irrefragable, that with such an excess of males over females in our population, and that excess almost wholly made up of Chinese of the laborer class, it is a suicidal policy to admit any more Chinese into the country unless they come with their wives and families. There are many who would not willingly let them come even on those conditions. We are not prepared to go so far as this. We have already a considerable body of respectable and well-to-do

Chinese here, and it must be accepted as a fact that they will always remain a factor in our population and a useful one too. The more settled and domestic the Chinese actually here become the better for all interests. But to the admission of any more Chinese laborers we are totally opposed and we think there are very few even of those who want them will contend that it can be anything but an evil even though in their anxiety to get labor they may think that under the circumstances it is a "necessary evil." This latter idea is just the difficulty that makes the true principle on which this question should be dealt with so difficult of practical application. The employers of labor will continue, even against their own convictions as to what is best for the country, to look with complacency upon the immigration of Chinese laborers, and many of them will and do openly encourage, and perhaps secretly promote this injurious invasion in the hope that it will supply their wants and bring down the price of labor. We believe such policy will prove to be an unwise one even if no test be applied to it except the benefit to be derived by the employers themselves. Who has benefitted by the last arrivals of Chinese? Is it the white employer? So far as we have been able to gather none but their own countrymen have benefitted. The remedy for the state of the labor market will have to be found among other races than the Chinese; and it is much better to work patiently to find it, and to spend money to find it, than to increase the weight of the Chinese yoke which we have already on our shoulders. During the year a considerable number of Portuguese may be expected to arrive. Though expensive they will do something to ease matters. It is, however, to Japan that we look for the real solution of our labor difficulty. There is to be found a population as hard working and as thrifty as the Chinese but in other respects of a very different stamp to the majority of the Chinese that come here. Many writers have made it known that as an agricultural laborer the Japanese has no equal. It is sincerely to be hoped that the persistent efforts of the government to arrange for an immigration of Japanese will shortly be crowned with success. But whether it is or not, our cry will still be the same—get on without any more Chinese. We talk of them as if they came here to be our servants but in very fact they are our masters, increasingly so every year. Let those who go away be replaced by some other sort of people—shut them out of the land. Make it a favor for one of them who has been here and leaves, to be allowed to come back again, and an impossibility for other Chinamen to come into the country unless they be merely travelers or bring families with them. This is not intended as idle declamation. The time has come when this matter must be taken up in earnest here as it has been elsewhere, and in speaking as we do we only echo the sound of the first notes of an agitation already beginning which we hope to see kept up until its object is accomplished.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The circus is reported to be doing very well at Waialua. The Kilauea Hou will make an extra trip next week and bring the troupe down leaving Kahului on Tuesday night. That steamer had a rough time of it both on the upward and downward trips. Mr. Sherman's horse Barney was somewhat out of sorts on arrival owing to the exposure and fright at the sea.

The Courtenay Ford was about two-thirds loaded when the Kilauea Hou left Kahului, and will probably sail for San Francisco on Friday.

The Claus Spreckels, Captain Drew, arrived at Kahului, April 3rd, 14 days from San Francisco.

The *Planters' Monthly* for April reached our office yesterday. This is the first number of Vol. III. The editor expresses a similar opinion with regard to the passage of the Mexican Treaty to that given in our columns last month. In a communication from Mr. A. Jaeger on seed cane, he says "the time has arrived for cane planters on these Islands to pay more attention than heretofore to the selection of their seed cane," and proceeds to give a series of reasons for this statement. A few editorial comments and items, and the usual batch of selected matter comprise the balance of the reading.

The French corvette *Kerguelen* arrived yesterday afternoon, 20 days from Lapaz. She left Callao on January 17th. The following is a list of her officers:—
Captain, Aguiar Bourcier.
First Lieutenant, Ridonn.
Lieutenant, de Corvisson.
Lieutenant, de Lostende.
Lieutenant, de Bernard.
First Surgeon, de Champeaux.
Assistant Surgeon, Camail.
Purser, Pherivony.
The *Kerguelen* carries 160 men, 6 sixty-pounders, including two Hotchkiss guns and two torpedoes. Her engines are 250-horse power. The destination of this vessel is not yet fixed.

The band will give a concert this Saturday afternoon at 4:30. The following is the programme:
Overture—"The Vestale," Spontini.
Cornet Solo—"The Snow," Arban.
Cornet Solo—"Egyptian Patrol," Strantz.
Selection—"Italian Operas," Kapper.
Clarinet Solo—"All in Mask," Pedrotti.
Dance—"Sylvian," Keler Eder.
There will be a moonlight concert on Monday evening, at Emma Square.

To-day at noon, Mr. E. P. Adams, will, by order of the Assignees in Bankruptcy of Thomas B. Walker, sell by public auction all the right, title and interest of said Walker in the lease of the new premises on King street, adjoining Messrs. Castle & Cooke's store. The full particulars are duly advertised, and will also be made known prior to sale, which will take place at the salesroom of the auctioneer at 12 o'clock noon.

Prof. Langley, of the Allegheny Observatory, has been interviewed about the sunsets, and has expressed the opinion that there is not only no antecedent improbability that the volcanic eruptions were the cause, but they are the most likely cause we can assign. Prof. C. A. Young, of Princeton, says that the volcanic theory seems to him to be the true explanation.

An extensive sale of Fancy Goods will take place Monday evening at the auction rooms of Messrs. Lyons & Levey, being part of the bankrupt stock of Messrs. J. W. Robertson & Co. Mr. Levey, as before will wield the hammer, and he expects to be well patronized on this occasion, as he has a very superior lot of articles to dispose of. He will ascend the rostrum punctually at 7 o'clock. The store fixtures and balance of stock will be sold on Wednesday next.

An excursion party started from town yesterday afternoon at half-past one o'clock, their destination being Waialua. The party consisted of His Excellency Governor Dominis, His Excellency the Attorney-General, Messrs. C. O. Berger, Frank Pratt, W. G. Irwin, and Hon. Sam Parker. They purpose returning to-morrow afternoon.

Sherman's Circus Company return to-day from Maui. They will re-open on the old stand, at the foot of Richard street, with a grand performance this evening, commencing at 8 o'clock.

"Contentment" will be Mr. Cruzan's Sunday morning theme, and "Credo, and my reasons for it," the theme of the evening discourse—a sermon especially for those who have doubts about the Bible and Christianity.

The prisoner Kani, who escaped on Thursday, and was recaptured the same evening, was yesterday to be seen in the King street gang with a new piebald suit on, and ball attached to his right ankle.

The steam roller has at last got to work on King street and is doing good service. It is only due to the energetic road supervisor to state that the delay has been caused by the pressure of work on his hands, having to furnish stones in several different places at one time with a limited number of carts at his disposal.

The new Library building is progressing very rapidly under the direction and personal supervision of Messrs. E. B. Thomas and Oakley, and there will be no cessation in the work until completed.

The schooners *Kawailani* and General Seigel collided on Thursday last off Mokapu, Koolanoko. The jib-boom of the General Seigel was carried away, and the bulwarks of the *Kawailani* were damaged considerably.

A lot of bricks on the Esplanade will be sold to pay storage and charges if not claimed within 20 days from date, by order of Mr. Fuller, the Harbor Master.

Prof. Berger is composing a march to be dedicated to the Linnakasinanans. His pupils take especial interest in learning this semi-national air.

On Monday last, the 31st ult., the Rev. Father Clement was elected Third Member of the Local School Board of the District of Honolulu for the ensuing year.

Mr. Malcolm Brown will pay a suitable reward to anyone returning to him his black and tan dog that answers to the name of "Nip."

The Mission Children's Society will hold its regular monthly meeting at the residence of Mr. J. T. Waterhouse, this evening.

Owing to the boisterous weather last evening, the band did not give the regular moonlight concert.

The Supreme Court opens on Monday at 10 a.m. His Honor the Chief Justice presiding.

The S. S. Mariposa, with dates to the 1st instant, is due on Tuesday next.

The April number of *The Friend* is to hand. Its only contents are "Rambles in China," No. 4—by Prof. F. W. Damon and a few items. Mr. Damon has at last had the good fortune to visit the Interior of the great province of Kwangtung, the district from whence all the Chinese in the Hawaiian Islands emigrate. Concerning this part of China, he quotes from an article in the Chinese *Recorder* of 1880:—"The province of Kwangtung is the most southerly of the eighteen provinces of China. The main portion of it lies between 110 and 117 east longitude, and between 21° 30 and 25° 30 north latitude. Beyond these lines, there is at the southwest corner, a projection of the main land towards the south, and also the large island of Hainan. There is also an irregular extension to the west, running through nearly two degrees of longitude. The whole area of the province is estimated at 79,456 square miles; and its population, by the last census, at 19,348,896; being an average of 241 to the square mile, an average about the same as that of England and Wales, less than that of Ireland, and a little more than that of France."

When leaving Canton bound inland, Mr. Damon writes as follows:—"Our boat glided quickly away from Shamen, with its stately homes and shaded avenues, and we were soon out of sight of that reminder of the outside world, and felt that we were indeed in China. The foreign gunboats of different nationalities sent to guard the American and European residents, and the great ocean steamers which share in the commerce of the busy city, gave way to purely Chinese rigged craft. We drifted back into the centuries. Here at last we were out of reach of the telegraph and railroad and daily papers."

The meeting of the Mutual Telephone Company on Thursday morning was largely attended, and the business was transacted with alacrity. There was a decided opposition shown to the fourth clause of the conditions submitted for consideration by the older Company, which, if passed and confirmed, would in the opinion of the meeting, leave them in a somewhat similar position to what they are at present, that is, there is every probability that one or two capitalists could control the conduct of the business. The principle of the Mutual Telephone Company is to obtain telephones at the lowest possible cost, which would practically be set aside by entertaining the proposed conditions. Mr. Cartwright's motion that the present rates should be continued for ten years met with almost unanimous support, while Mr. Davies' amendment to the effect that three years should be the limit, and after that period, that a vote of five-sixths of the shares be required to make any alteration, met with but few supporters. It now remains to be seen how the offer will be received by the Bell Telephone Company. The Mutual will meet again on Thursday next.

An action of Tort, damages \$100, was heard on Thursday in the Intermediate Court, before Mr. Justice Austin, being an appeal from the judgment of the Honolulu Police Justice. The parties to the suit were Jose d'Aruda, a Portuguese working at Waianae, plaintiff, and J. P. Kama, the District Magistrate for the district of Waianae, defendant. They were represented by Messrs. F. M. Hatch and J. L. Kauilukou respectively. After Mr. Hatch had stated the facts of the case, as they have been previously reported in the ADVERTISER, Mr. Kauilukou asked that the case be dismissed on the ground that the Intermediate Court had no jurisdiction to try cases of this kind. He said this was a matter for a jury to decide as cited in Section 903 of the Civil Code. The Court accepted the authority, and overruled the motion to dismiss the case. After hearing the evidence and argument of counsel, the Court gave judgment affirming the judgment of the Lower Court. Appeal was noted to Supreme Court.

Captain Tell is paying more attention than formerly to the drilling of the native policemen. On Thursday afternoon Major Baker was present at their drill and he expressed his approval at the improvement that had lately been effected in the military movements of the force. If they would only maintain their soldier-like appearance outside the Station House it would be more creditable to them.

The Calendar continues to swell by appeals from the Police Court. District Justice Kama is determined to pass through the whole ordeal. It would have been more becoming to one in his official position to have submitted to the judgment of the first tribunal instead of fighting it out to the bitter end. Should he be ultimately exonerated by a Hawaiian jury it will not reflect to his credit.

On Thursday afternoon a party consisting of some ladies and gentlemen, started for a boat sail in the harbor. When a short distance from the wharf, the boat capsized. After a thorough good ducking they were all rescued and brought safely to the shore. No one, we are happy to say, beyond the temporary inconvenience, was injured by the accident.

Rough weather during the past week is reported from all parts of Hawaii; but so far there are no casualties to record.

Three weeks from to-day the Legislature assembles.

Last Wednesday our reporter looked in at Mr. Hammer's saddlery shop, corner of Port and King streets. Whilst there his attention was drawn to two sets of harness, a double and a single set, that were manufactured on the premises for H. R. H. Princess Liliuokalani. The double set in particular, is the finest piece of workmanship that we have seen of the kind, and is equal, if not superior, to anything of the kind that ever has been or can be imported from abroad. Were it generally known that such first-class work can be manufactured in this city it surprises one to hear that people send abroad for harness. It is well worth the while if all men who have horses to step into Mr. Hammer's store and inspect these two beautiful sets of harness. Another feature, and by no means an unimportant one these hard times, is the fact that Mr. Hammer's prices are lower than San Francisco prices. Home industries deserve to be patronized at all times but more especially when the artist has arrived at that stage of perfection, that Mr. Hammer and his employees have in their specialty of harness making. The sets referred to above have gold mountings and solid gold ornaments.

It is a pleasure to know that there is every probability of a Jockey Club being formed in this city at an early date. On Wednesday a document was circulated for the purpose of ascertaining the general sentiment of the community. It is a matter that has been advocated in these columns on several occasions and is at last about to become an accomplished fact. The circular was numerously signed up to a late hour that evening and those who have not had the good fortune to see it can do so by applying at the office of Mr. J. E. Wiseman. It is the intention of the promoters to call a meeting at an early date for the purpose of electing officers and drawing up by-laws. There should be no time lost in this matter as the day on which the annual races take place is fast approaching and this club, when formed should have the entire management of all races and the business connected therewith.

The native who committed a robbery at Major Wroughton's in February last escaped on Thursday about 4:30 p.m. from a prison gang that was working on the dredger. When the luna mustered his gang prior to returning to the jail, he found one man was missing. Several policemen were immediately sent out in search of him. About 9 o'clock last night information had been received that he had been seen in Kikihale. A policeman caught him, but he again escaped. After a long chase he was finally secured and lodged in the Police Station. The Marshal very wisely called upon the Mounted police to assist in recapturing the runaway.

About sixty gentlemen assembled at the Armory Wednesday morning for the purpose of holding a meeting of the Mutual Telephone Co.; but, unfortunately, there were about 500 shares wanting to form a quorum, consequently there was no business transacted. They assembled again next morning at 10 o'clock at the same place, and as proxies were forthcoming in sufficient numbers, they proceeded to transact business.

The Nettie Merrill brought 1700 bags sugar from Lahaina last Wednesday. She made the passage in 7 hours and 30 minutes. After having discharged her sugar and received freight, she sailed again in the evening, and expects to return to-day. The intention is to run her regularly to Lahaina every Monday.

Mr. G. Pracht, while out fishing, with his wife and a native servant, in a canoe, on Friday, 28th ult., at Keauhou, Kau, held some giant powder in his hand till it exploded. It blew off his left wrist. The S. S. Planter took Dr. Oliver from Honoapua to Keauhou. When the Planter left Mr. Pracht, was reported to be improving.

The Kapiolani Park Association have intimated to the owners of stock who desire to train their horses on the Park track this season, that a fee of \$10 will be levied for each horse so trained. On payment of this fee a key will be furnished for opening the entrance gate to the track.

The "whirligig" looked well last night when brilliantly illuminated, and attracted quite a crowd. The horses and other seats were well patronized. Music was supplied with this "merry go round," and all went "merry as a marriage bell."

On Saturday night last, a whale boat belonging to the Government Survey, was blown out to sea from Alikai Bay, South Kona, Hawaii. A reward of \$25 is offered to anyone returning it to Mr. J. S. Emerson.

One of the prisoners escaped from Waialuku gaol the other day. He was captured and safely lodged in durance vile again by two of the mounted police force, to whom the reward offered for the capture will be paid.

H. R. H. Princess Likelike, attended by Miss Lizzie Victor, left on Wednesday by the Lehua to meet H. R. H. Princess Liliuokalani and Princess Kaiulani at Hana.

The Hon. Samuel Parker is still in town, notwithstanding that his name appeared amongst the list of departed passengers per S. S. Kinan.

The Married Men's Base Ball Club had a practice Wednesday afternoon.

Good Friday falls on the 11th of this month.